Battlefield Casualty Evacuation



Introduction

- Casualty evacuation from the battlefield is one of the most problematic skills a soldier medic will encounter.
- Many different litters are available for movement of the casualty.
- Assault litters will speed the evacuation of casualties from the battlefield.

Improvised Litters

 There are times when a standard litter is not available.

Distances may be too great for manual

carries



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Improvised Litters

 Litters can be improvised from materials at hand.



Must be well-constructed



SKEDCO Litter



SKEDCO Litter

- SKEDCO litters come in several different sizes:
 - Full Sked
 - Ranger Sked
 - Collapsible Sked
 - Military Half-Skec





SKEDCO Litter

- SKEDCO litters:
 - Different size plastic sheets.
 - Nylon straps.
 - Carrying handles.
 - Drag rope.
 - Carrying case.
- Disadvantages:





Remove from Pack

Unroll Completely



Reverse Roll

Flatten SKEDCO



Log-roll or Slide Casualty onto SKEDCO



Fasten Straps



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Transport the Casualty



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Talon II Litter

- Two different sizes:
 - 81cm and 90 cm models
 - 81cm fits into UH-60 sideways
 - 90 cm fits all NATO aircraft (std litter si



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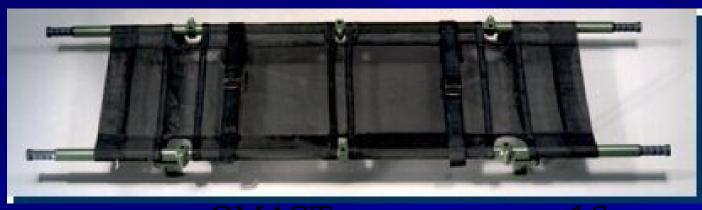
Warrior Aid and Litter Kit (WALK).



Talon II Litter

- Same material as decontamination litter.
- Carrying case.
- Stable evacuation platform.





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Talon II Litter Instructions

Opening Instructions for the 81C (6530-01-452-1651) and 90C(6530-01-504-9051) Talon Litter Series.

Step 1. Release the buckles



Step 2. Place Litter on the ground and completely extend with fabric side up.



Step 3. Grab handles and rotate



Talon II Litter Instructions

Step 4. While maintaining hinges in the locked position, apply firm, steady pressure on the spreader bar with foot. Increase pressure with foot until spreader bar locks into place.



Note: To close and store the litter repeat the directions in reverse.

Packaging a Casualty

- One and two-person carries (250+ lbs?).
- Packaged and ready when asset arrives.
- Protect from hypothermia.



Summary

- Improvised litters.
- Assault litters:
 - SKEDCO Litter
 - Talon II Litter
- Packaging a casualty for transport.

Questions?



Practical Exercise

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